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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Bigbee Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Beulah Baptist Church, Kinterbish, Ala.,

BEGINNING ON THE 3RD FRIDAY IN AUGUST.

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OFFICERS:

W. G. CURRY, Livingston, Ala ..... Moderator

JNO. D. PHILLIPS, Yantley, Ala ..... Clerk

E. M. FLOWERS, York, Ala ..... Treasurer

The next session of this Association will be held with Lyes Baptist Church on Wednesday before the Second Sabbath in September 1901.

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ORDAINED MINISTER.

[illegible] G. [illegible]	[illegible], Ala.
W. G. Curry	[illegible], Ala.
J. R. Curry	[illegible]
F. A. Freeman	[illegible], Miss.
J. R. Larkin	Coatopa, Ala.
C. C. Vaughan	Cuba, Ala.
J. E. Vaughan	Mt. Sterling, Ala.
H. B. Woodward	Beville, Ala.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

State Missions—L. A. Brock, Yantley, Ala.; J. B. Pond and J. H. Phillips.

Home Missions—J. D. Phillips, Yantley, Ala.; W. E. McGowin and J. F. Harrington.

Foreign Missions—J. E. Herring, Sumterville, Ala.; W. A. Altman and C. F. Rainer.

Woman's Work—E. M. Shaw, Cuba, Ala.; S. F. Roach and R. L. McDonald.

Sabbath Schools—C. C. Vaughan, Cuba, Ala.; A. P. Evans, R. M. Harden.

Temperance—F. A. Freeman, Bonita, Miss.; W. H. Scarborough, Dan Phillips.

General and Ministerial Education—H. B. Woodward, Beville, Ala.; E. M. Flowers and G. E. Brunson.

Orphan's Home—J. R. Larkin, Coatopa, Ala.; W. H. Phillips and W. P. Stallworth.

Religious Literature—L. Pool, Cuba, Ala.; J. F. Sanders and F. M. Rainer.

Executive Committee—J. E. Herring, J. R. Larkin, J. G. Apsey, and W. G. Curry.

Note.—These Minutes were delayed by sickness of printers in Alabama Baptist office.

MINUTES.

KINTERBISH, ALA., Sept. 5, 1900.

The Bigbee Baptist Association met this day in its forty-eighth session, in the Beulah Baptist church, and at 10:45 o'clock was called to order by Clerk J. D. Cook. Song, "How firm a foundation." Bro. C. C. Vaughan read 1 Cor. 3 chap. Prayer by J. E. Herring.

In the absence of the appointee, J. R. Larkin, the introductory sermon was preached by J. D. Cook. Text, 2 Pet. 1:4, "Exceeding great and precious promises."

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M. Benediction by C. C Vaughan.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed hour. Song, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound." Prayer by H. B. Woodward.

In the absence of the Moderator, J. R. Larkin, W. G. Curry was elected temporary Moderator.

The Moderator appointed H. B. Woodward and J. D. Phillips to read the letters from the churches.

Messengers were enrolled as follows:

BEULAH—J. Pond, J. T Sanders and Sister Isabel Dill.

CHRISTIAN VALLEY—Letter and funds—after adjournment.

CLINTON—Letter and funds.

CONCORD—W. H. Phillips, L. A. Brock, J. D. Phillips and J. H. Phillips.

CUBA—C. C. Vaughan, Sr., L. Pool, Sr., E. M Shaw, W. E. McGowin, C. C. Vaughan, Jr.; alternates, Sister Phila Carden, W. P. Stawllsworth. J. E. May and A. L Vaughan.

DEMOPOLIS—J. C. Kelly, J F. Davis and J. I. Lee.

EPES—Sister L. Lewis

EUTAW—Not represented.

FRIENDSHIP—Letter and funds.

GAINESVILLE—Not represented.

HOPEWELL, Choctaw Co.—J. F. Harrington and S. P. Roach.

HOPEWELL, Sumter Co.—Not represented.

LIVINGSTON—W. G. Curry.

MT. HERMON—Not represented.

MT. LEBANON—R. L. McDonald and R. J. Shelton.

MT. STERLING—Not represented.

NEW PROSPECT—W H Scorborough and Miss Lizzie Leich.

Rehoboth—Dan Phillips and Marvin Rainer.

Shorts—E. B. Hearn—No letter.

Saloam—John Hunter, F. M. Brown, S. C. Hardy, John Green and J. S. Greer.

Sumterville—J. E. Herring and Sister H. B. Praytor.

York—W. A. Altman, E. M. Flowers and Sisters Lula Altman and Mamie Brown.

Zion—Reuben Hardin, G. E. Brunson and Sister Ada Davis.

The Association was permanently organized by electing officers as follows: Moderator, W. G. Curry; Clerk, J. D. Phillips; Treasurer, E. M. Flowers.

The Moderator appointed C. C. Vaughan and the deacons of Beulah a committee on Religious Exercises.

At the request of the Moderator, J. D. Cook occupied the chair.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that there would be preaching by H. B. Woodward at 7:30 P. M.

Corresponding brethren were enrolled as follows:

H. B. Woodward, representing Howard College; J. D. Cook, Chickasaha Association: J. A. Howard, Alabama Baptist.

The report on Home Missions was submitted, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee cannot hope to present to you all phases of this feature of mission work in a brief report. Let us not forget that State, Home and Foreign Missions are one. The Lord of missions who has commanded us, and given us the authority to "preach the gospel to every creature" and teach "them to observe all things whatsoever" He has commanded us, is one; and the best result from either State, Home or Foreign missions can be expected only when we lend our hearty support to all; for we cannot refuse to help one feature of the mission work without seriously injuring the one great cause of missions. Your committee believes that the committee of cooperation which has been appointed by the three Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention is a move in the right direction to secure the assistance of every church in our bounds for the support of the various features of mission work.

The work of our Home Mission Board, which is located at Atlanta, with Dr. F. H. Kerfoot as corresponding secretary, is in our large cities, among our foreign population, among the negroes, among the Indians in the mountain regions, on the frontier, and in the Island of Cuba.

During the last convention year, which closed May 11, 1900, the

Home Board received in cash $75,366.00, employed 671 missionaries; 5,696 were baptised, 6,255 were added to the churches by letter, making a total of 11,951. Thus we see the Lord has graciously blessed our efforts.

Our Home Board was instructed by the Southern Baptist Convention to plan its work for this year on a basis of $150,000. Let us do our part in swelling the $75,000 to $150,000; for as the work is strengthened at Home so will our possibility and power be increased to send the glad news to those who are in heathen lands.

Your committee commends highly the great work done by our women in sending boxes to our frontier missionaries. This is an excellent plan for them to aid in the cause of missions, and we recommend it to their mission societies.

Your committee also recommends to our people the reading of "Our Home Field," a journal published monthly by the Home Board, for valuable information on the subject f Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted, H. B. Woodward,
Chairman.

Discussion of the subject was deferred until 10 o'clock Thursday, at which time it was ordered that the reports of State and Foreign Missions be read and the subject of missions in general be discussed.

The report on Temperance was read, and after discussion by L. Pool, J. A. Howard, H. B. Woodward, C. C. Vaughan, L. A. Brock, J. D. Cook, and J. E. Herring, was adopted as read:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a part of the teaching of God's word. Strong drink is the curse that blights the human intellect: it is therefore one of the greatest barriers to true religion. It becomes us then, as Christians, to encourage the temperance movement in every honest way we can. The welfare of our children, our homes; the prosperity of the community, all appeal to us to do all we can to overthrow the rum power. We think the best way to attain this object is to educate on this point the moral senses of the whole people, so that as speedily as possible intemperance, with all that produces and sustains it, shall be regarded and treated as a crime.

Intemperance is a broad evil; it has long prevailed; it has grown to be a giant system of sin, and capable of sterner resistance to every form of assault than any other.

But the grand and glorious work of reformation is slowly but surely progressing. It is going through a revolution. Therefore, let us make it a leading issue in our churches and associational work.

Respectfully submitted, C. F. Rainer,
Chairman.

The Moderator resuming his seat, appointed the following special committees:

FINANCE—W. A. Altman, J. W. Cook and W. H. Searborough.

NOMINATIONS—G. E. Brunson, J. A. Green and L. Pool.

Adjourned to 9 A. M., Thursday. Benediction by Moderator.

Preaching by H. B. Woodward at 7:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Began by singing "What a friend we have in Jesus." Prayer by F. A. Freeman.

It was ordered that Brethren C. F. Rainer, J. W. Cook and F. A. Freeman be added as delegates from Rehoboth church.

The minutes of the first day were read and adopted.

It was ordered that the report of the committee on the revision of the "Articles of Faith and By-Laws of this Association," appointed to report at this session, be deferred until the session of 1901.

E. M. Flowers, F. A. Freeman and W. E. McGowin were appointed a committee on apportionment.

The time having arrived for the reports on State and Foreign Missions they were read, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions submit the following report: During the last Convention, a year ago, our Board employed 36 missionaries for the whole or part of their time. 1,334 sermons were preached and 185 souls were added to the churches; 217 more were received by letter; 5 churches were organized and 3 Ladies' Missionary Societies were organized.

Money received at the office in Montgomery $8,824.09.

Brethren, in view of the fact that there is yet much destitution in our State, and in view of the fact that our people are gathering into manufacturing centers and are thereby creating new opportunities and new necessities for effort and usefulness, we therefore recommend that all of our churches increase their contributions to the great work of more thoroughly evangelizing our State and taking it for the kingdom of our Redeemer.

J. E. HERRING,
Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The past year has been, in some respects, the most prosperous one the Foreign Board ever had.

The largest amount ever given by the Southern Baptist Convention to this work has been contributed this year—$140,102.20. A large number of churches give enough to support one missionary. Several individuals do this. Sixteen new missionaries have been sent out this year.

Last year we had in our Foreign fields 845 baptisms; this year 1,341. Thus we see that when we increased our contributions 25 per cent. the Lord increased results over 50 per cent. In the year 1826, after fifty years work in foreign fields, we had a membership of 3,801. Now we have 6,688; an increase of 2,887 in three years. This should encourage us to greater effort, and should strengthen our faith in our foreign mission work.

The Southern Baptist Convention requested its Foreign Mission Board to enlarge its work for the coming year. It now calls for twenty more persons to go as missionaries to foreign fields. For this the ver best people are wanted. The Board asks for a large increase of contributions for the work. This year it asks for $200,000. Of this amount Alabama Baptists are expected to give their proportionate part.

Some persons oppose Foreign Missions because of the expense necessary to carry it on. The total expenses for the year just passed, including salaries, room rent, travel of secretaries, tracts, interest, etc., was only 8 5-7 cents on the dollar. The expense of collecting in the States has been less than 4½ cents on the dollar, making a total of 13 2-7 cents on the dollar, and giving nearly 87 cents out of every dollar to the missionaries.

We recommend that we heartily accept the amount apportioned us to be raised this year for Foreign Missions, and that we request our pastors, churches, ladies' societies, and all friends of Foreign Missions, to assist Bro. Crumpton in raising the amount for which we are asked.

We also recommend that special prayer be made for our missionaries in China, and the native converts there; that God protect and defend them, and cause the war and violence which has been prevailing there to result in the furthering of His gospel and uplifting humanity.

Respectfully submitted.

E. M. Shaw,
W. A. Altman,
W. P. Stallworth,
Committee.

The subject of missions was discussed by A. P. Evins, F. A. Freeman and H. B. Woodward. The time having now arrived for the Missionary Sermon, which W. B. Crumpton agreed to preach, and which he did preach in that usual earnest, forceful, christian manner that is so characteristic of Bro. Crumpton, further discussion was deferred until the afternoon session.

Preaching by W. B. Crumpton; text, Exodus 12:26, "What mean ye by this service?" Missionary collection $22.95.

The reports on missions—State, Home and Foreign—were taken up, and without further discussion, adopted.

The report on Woman's Work was read, as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We, the committee appointed to report on Woman's Work, beg leave to report: That we learn from the statistics of the Baptist Convention that the Woman's Missionary Union contributed to this organization the handsome amount of $82,269, and that, of this sum, the women of Alabama contributed $4,230; and we find also that our sisters of the Bigbee Association contributed to the fund about one thousand dollars.

This faithful and very efficient work of our sisters is greatly appreciated by the working members of our denomination, who commend them in their efforts to every earnest worker in the Master's kingdom. We therefore recommend that the Woman's Union of our Association be encouraged by the members of this Association and by the pastors of the respective churches.

In conclusion, we would refer the women of the churches who may need any information in this work to Sister H. L. Mellen, Vice President of the Executive Committee, whose report we have before us this day.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Pool, Chairman.

After discussion by L. Pool, W. B. Crumpton, J. E. Herring and L. A. Brock, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK IN THE BIGBEE ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 1, 1900.

Number of societies—7.

Number of Sunbeam Bands—4.

The following amounts have been contributed:

Home Missions. $234 69

Foreign Missions	145 51
State Missions	7 50
Orphan's Home	145 96
Ministerial Education	1 25
Church Aid	60 90
Total	$595 81

MRS. H. L. MELLEN, Vice-Pres't.

Livingston, Ala.

The report on Ministerial and General Education was called for and submitted, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION.

An education is essential to success in any calling or profession in life. The doctor, the lawyer, and even the farmer could succeed better with an education. 'Tis education that frames the common mind. It unfolds, trains, disciplines and expands. If an education is essential to success in the ordinary professions in life, how much more so in that of the minister of the gospel, who has the highest calling among men, whose duty it is to analyze and expound the truths and mysteries contained in the Book of God's eternal truth. He cannot show himself to be an approved workman who needeth not to be ashamed, without an education. In the past the Baptist minister was compelled to fight the enemies of Christianity with the sword in the sheath; but not so now. With the Howard College and the Seminary at Louisville, no young minister need go to work unprepared.

We recommend that the Association adopt again as its beneficiaries Brethren Woodward and Curry, and that the funds contributed by the churches be equally divided between them.

Respectfully submitted.

Discussion by L. Pool, H. B. Woodward and W. B. Crumpton followed, after which the report was adopted.

The committee on apportionment submitted their report, which was adopted after discussion by W. B. Crumpton.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Churches.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphan's Home	Total.
Beulah	$ 5 00	$ 3 00	$ 5 00	$ 1 00	$ 2 00	$ 16 00
Christian Valley	10 30	4 50	5 50	7 00	6 50	33 80
Clinton	9 75	4 50	5 00	7 50	5 00	31 75
Concord	30 00	6 00	6 50	8 50	7 00	58 00
Cuba	30 00	5 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	61 00
Demopolis	20 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	13 00	73 00
Epes	4 50	2 00	3 00	2 00	2 50	14 00
Eutaw	6 00	2 00	6 00	3 00	3 00	20 00
Friendship	2 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	4 00	15 00
Gainesville	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	9 00
Hopewell, Choctaw Co.	7 50	3 00	4 00	6 00	4 00	24 50
Hopewell, Sumter Co.	7 50	2 50	3 00	4 00	4 00	21 00
Livingston	33 00	20 00	50 00	25 00	27 00	155 00
Mt. Hermon	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	8 00
Mt, Sterling	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00
Mt. Lebanon	3 00	2 00	2 50	2 00	2 00	11 50
New Prospect	10 00	5 00	6 00	3 00	4 00	28 00
Rehoboth	12 00	6 00	7 00	5 00	6 00	30 00
Shorts	7 00	5 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	29 00
Siloam	14 00	5 00	8 00	6 00	5 00	38 00
Sumterville	15 00	5 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	46 00
York	20 00	10 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	62 00
Zion	5 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	20 00
Total						$ 816 55

E. M. Flowers,
F. A. Freeman,
W. E. McGowen,
Committee.

The report on Nominations was read, and after amendment as to place of meeting, was adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations respectfully report that the next meeting of this Association be held with Epes Baptist church on Wednesday before the 2d Sabbath in September, convening at 10 o'clock A. M., 1901, and that the introductory sermon be preached by H. B. Woodward; J. E. Herring alternate; J. R. Larkin to preach the missionary sermon, and J. G. Apsey, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Pool,
Chairman.

Next was the reading of the report on Religious Literature, which was adopted as read, after discussion by C. C. Vaughan and J. E. Herring.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

It is impossible to estimate the value of the printed truths as represented by the Bible, by the religious volumes, or even by the little tracts; but there is a woful ignorance on the part of our people of the precious truths therein contained. We would urge our people to read and be more conversant with God's word.

The world is taking advantage of the fact, and is using the printing press in disseminating heresy and errors of every description detrimental to the interest of the church of Christ. These things being so, it is of the utmost importance that Baptists should press to the front in publishing and circulating sound religious literature.

Among the agencies at our command to do this work are the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Nashville, Tenn.; the Baptist Book Concern, at Louisville, Ky., and the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Penn. Not only do we recommend these, but include the periodicals of special branches of work, such as the Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal; but as Alabama Baptists, we feel it incumbent on us especially to sustain our own State paper—The Alabama Baptist. It is eminently worthy of our support, and is the only medium through which we can communicate fully of our home affairs. A copy should be in every Baptist family, and pastors should see that it is done.

Respectfully, C. C. VAUGHAN, Chairman.

Standing Committees were appointed to report at the next session of this Association. (See second page cover.)

It was ordered that W. G. Curry be added to the Executive Committee.

The report on the Orphan's Home was not read, but W. B. Crumpton entertained the Association with a few minutes talk, in which he very feelingly showed the great good that is being done by the Orphanage. He spoke of how ready he found people to contribute of their means to the support of the dear children taken into the care and keeping of the good people of that institution. Nevertheless, as past gifts will not entirely suffice for future exigencies, we were urged to constantly study the needs of the Orphanage and to contribute accordingly.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the churches of this Association take a collection at an early date for the Orphanage.

The report of the Finance Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Finance submit the following:

	Cash.	Vouchers.
Received for State Missions	$ 34 60	$ 87 65—
" for Home Missions	26 85	66 95
" for Foreign Missions	17 30	95 00
" fer church building, etc	4 00	25 90
" for Ministerial Education	16 61	79 05
" for Orphan's Home	11 25	42 85
" Minutes	22 90	
Collection at Association	22 95	
Total	$156 46	$397 40—$558 86

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. ALTMAN,
J. W. COOK,
W H. SCARBOROUGH,
Committee.

N. B.—The contributions of the Woman's Aid Societies, Livingston Sunday School, the B. Y. P. U. and Sunbeams are not included in the above report; neither are the contributions from Christian Valley and Demopolis churches.—CLERK.

It was Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby voted to the Beulah Baptist church, and community, for their splendid hospitality as displayed in the care they have taken of the Association while in session here.

On motion, W. G. Curry was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and F. A. Freeman alternate.

All business having been finished, the Association adjourned with prayer, to meet with Epes Baptist church, Sept. 4, 1901.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This body shall be known by the name of The Bigbee Baptist Association.

2. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, from its own body, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected.

3. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, and shall discharge the duties usually imposed upon officers presiding over deliberative bodies.

4. The Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of this Association, and shall attend to the printing and distributing of the Minutes.

5. The Treasurer shall perform the duties usually assigned to such officer, and shall report annually to the Association.

6. The Association shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it shall from time to time appoint.

7. Every church shall be entitled to two delegates, and also one for every twenty-five members exceeding twenty-five.

8. This Association disclaims all right of exercising authority over the internal regulation of churches, believing that within their own sphere they are accountable to God only.

9. The Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members comprising the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one living and true God; that in the Godhead are Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the New Testament is the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that the Church of God is composed of such persons as believe in Jesus Christ and have been baptized; that baptism consists in the immersion of the whole body in water; and that the Lord's Supper should be administered to church members only.

4. We believe in the doctrines of grace taught by the United Baptists, viz: In the depravity of man; in the converting grace of God; in the resurrection of the dead; in the general judgment; in the eternal life of the righteous; in the everlasting punishment of the wicked.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. At each meeting of this Association the Moderator shall take the chair, shall call the members to order, shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal, shall open and close the Association with prayer, shall appoint committees, when not otherwise ordered, and shall pronounce the decisions of the Association.

2. The names of members shall be called each day, and invitations to seats extended to ministering brethren.

3. The members shall observe respect to officers and to each other, shall arise when addressing the Moderator, shall confine themselves to the question, shall avoid personalities, shall not speak without leave more than once, until every member shall have opportunity to speak, and shall sustain that bearing to each other which becomes gentlemen and Christians.

4. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, and then shall be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover before amendment or decision.

5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone; which motion shall have precedence in the order enumerated.

6. All questions, except those relating to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority. Any member voting with the majority may move for a reconsideration on the day of decision. Members may not leave the Association without permission.

7. When questions of order are not provided for in these rules, they shall be decided according to the rules and regulations governing legislative bodies generally.

8. The Association shall have power to receive into its body and fellowship such churches as apply for admission; and shall also be empowered to withdraw its fellowship from any church or body of men walking disorderly, and supposed to be unworthy the fellowship of the Association.

TIME, PLACE OF MEETING AND OFFICERS OF BIGBEE ASSOCIATION SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

YEAR.	CHURCH.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	TREASURER.
1852	Jones Creek....	Wm. Woodward..	John McInnis..	J. H. Brown . ..
1 53	Clinton.....	D. P. Bestor	A. D. Hall	J. G. Robertson..
1854	New Prospect..	E. B. Teague	W. A. Paschal.	" "
1855	Gaston.....	D. P. Bestor	" "	" "
1856	Sumterville	" "	" "	" "
1857	Eutaw.....	" "	R. H. Whitfield	" "
1858	Rehoboth	Wm. Howard....	" "	W. W. Paschal...
1859	Friendship.....	" "	" "	" "
1860	Clinton.....	" "	" "	" "
1861	Mt. Sterling ...	J. K. Ryan	" "	" "
1862	Christian Valley	" "		Wm. Howard ....
1863	Mt. Hermon...	Wm. Howard ...	W. D. Gaines...	L. Nathan Tartt..
1864	Gainesville.....	" "	" "	" "
1865	New Prospect ..	" "	R. W. Whitfield	I. C. Brown.....
1866	Fellowship.....	J. K. Ryan.	J. C. Wright ...	" "
1867	Kinterbish	" "	C. P. Buck	J. W. Bell .....
1868	New Prospect ..	" "	C. C. Vaughan.	E. Tartt .....
1869	Siloam.	" "	" "	A. R. Scarborough
1870	Clinton	" "	C. W. Buck	I. C. Brown.....
1871	Sumterville	A. R. Scarborough	" "	" " ....
1872	Gainesville.....	L. M. Stone	J. H. Hendon ..	" " ....
1873	Rehoboth	" "	" "	" " ....
1874	Friendship	A. R Scarborough	D. S. Brassfield	" " ....
1875	Livingston	" "	J. D. Cook.....	" " ....
1876	Clinton	" "	" "	" " ....
1877	Christian Valley	" "	" "	" " ....
1878	Zion.	J. G. Harris.....	" "	" " ....
1879	Cuba.....	J. K. Ryan	" "	" " ....
1880	Gainesville. ...	" "	" "	" " ....
1881	Mt. Sterling ...	" "	" "	" " ....
1882	York.....	" "	" "	" " ....
1883	Livingston	" "	" "	" " ....
1884	Friendship	" "	" "	" " ....
1885	Concord.....	" "	" "	" " ....
1886	Sumterville	L. L. Belsher	" "	G. C. Gowdy. ...
1887	Christian Valley	" "	" "	A. D. Fortner....
1888	Clinton	J. R. Larkin	" "	" " ....
1889	Mt. Pleasant...	" "	" "	" " ....
1890	York.....	" "	" "	" " ....
1891	Zion.....	" "	F. M. Pond.....	E. M. Shaw.....
1892	Cuba	" "	J. D. Phillips...	" " ....
1893	Siloam.	" "	" "	" " ....
1894	Rehoboth	" "	" "	" " ....
1895	Livingston	" "	" "	" " ....
1896	Concord	" "	J. D. Cook	E. C. Mathers ...
1897	Christian Valley	" "	" "	" " ....
1898	New Prospect..	" "	" "	Jno. G. Apsey, Sr.
1899	Eutaw	" "		E. M. Flowers .
1900	Beulah.....	W. G. Curry.....	J. D Phillips ..	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

John G. Apsey, Treasurer,

In account with Bigbee Baptist Association.

1899.		DR		
Sept. 9.	To amount rec'd Finance Committee .	$214	22	
	" " " collection	25	60	
	" " " Belmont church	16	55	$256 37

1899.		CR.		
Sept. 9.	Paid J. R. Curry, ministerial fund	$ 4	07	
	" W. B. Woodward "	25	27	
	" W. B. Crumpton for State Missions	48	70	
	" Home "	37	10	
	" Foreign "	48	10	
	" Orphan's Home	49	67	
Sept. 22.	" J. D. Cook, minute fund	26	90	
Oct. 23.	" " " "	1	00	
" 27.	" W. B. Crumpton for State Missions	6	50	
	" Home Missions	2	50	
	" Foreign Missions	1	50	
	" Ministerial Education	4	00	
	" Orphan's Home	1	05	$256 36

Aug. 17, 1900. Balance on hand ..... $ 01

BRETHREN—Above find my account as Treasurer; the one cent enclosed. Fraternally, JOHN G. APSEY.

Eutaw, Ala., Aug. 17, 1900.

STATISTICS OF THE BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR 1900.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	Membership last reported	Increase				Decrease.				Present Membership.	Reports prayer meeting	Preaching Sabbaths.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.
					Baptism.	By Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dis. by letter	Excluded.	Erased.	Deaths.				Superintendent's Name and P. O Address.		
Beulah	Sumter	J E Vaughan	M. P. May, Kinterbish, Ala	60					3				57	No	2	B. A. May. Kinterbish, Ala	5	38
Christian Valley	"	J. R. Larkin	J. W Blakeny. Coatopa, Ala	31								1	30	No	2	². B. Seal, Coatopa, Ala	5	20
Clinton	Greene	J E. Herring	W. D Green, Clinton, Ala	33					2			1	30	No	3			60
Concord	Choctaw	Chas G. Elliott	J. S. Phillips, Yantley, Ala	74	10	3	2		11			1	77	No	3	W. H Phillips, Yantley, Ala	6	40
Cuba	Sumter	H B. Woodward	W. U. Shaw, Cuba, Ala	71	9	8		1				2	85	Yes	1	H. P. Minor, Cuba, Ala	8	65
Demopolis	Marengo	J G Dickinson	W. D F. Kelly, Demopolis, Ala	70		6			5	3	1	1	66	No	2,3,4	J. C. Kelly, Demopolis, Ala	9	72
Epes	Sumter	J. E. Herring	J. C. Horton, Epes, Ala	10								1	9	No	4	L. Lewis, Epes, Ala.	5	18
Eutaw	Greene			70									70					
Friendship	"	W A. Parker	Addie Vail, Forkland, Ala	10					2				8	No	2	J. W. Holdcroft, Forkland, Ala	2	12
Gainesville	Sumter			13									13					
Hopewell	Choctaw	J. L Tucker	H. T. Vaughan, Mt Sterling, Ala.	91			19		11	1		5	93	No	3			
Hopewell	Sumter			28									28					
Livingston	"	W. G. Curry	G. C. Gowdey, Livingston, Ala	102	1	1			2		3	3	96	No	1 &2	G. C. Gowdey, Livingston, Ala	8	45
Mt. Hermon	"			35									35					
Mt. Lebanon	"	H. B. Woodward	J. T. Green, York, Ala.	28		1			1			1	27	No	3			30
Mt. Sterling	Choctaw			19									19					
New Prospect	Sumter	J. R. Larkin	W. P. Brewer, Livingston, Ala.	27									27	No	4			
Rehoboth	Choctaw	C. M Morris	J. W. Cook, Pushmatuha, Ala	38	1	13			2				50	No	1			
Shorts	Sumter			64									64					
Siloam	"	H. B. Woodward	J. F Stallings, Intercourse, Ala	117	19					2		1	133	Yes	2			
Sumterville	"	W. G. Curry	W. H Brown, Sumterville, Ala	41		2			8				35	No	4	W. H. Brown, Sumterville, Ala	4	25
York	"	H B. Woodward	E. M. Flowers, York, Ala	50	4	2			2			1	53	Yes		E. M. Flowers, York, Ala		
Zion	"	C. M. Morris	G. E. Brunson, Rosser, Ala	45	11	4			5				55	No	2			
Total				1127	55	40	21	1	54	6	4	18	1160				52	425

The money paid out by the Sunday Schools, Woman's Societies, Sunbeams, and B. Y. P. U's, reported separately, is included in the contributions of the churches so reporting.

Association adjourned.

MONEY SENT AWAY FROM HOME.

MISSIONS.				EDUCATION				HOME EXPENSES.					
State.	Home.	Foreign.	Church buildings and aid. Not at Home	Ministerial	College Buildings.	Orphan's Home.	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs and New Buildings.	Poor, Sunday Schools, Etc.	Total.	Value of Property
Cash and vouch	Cash and Vouchr	Cash and vouch	Cash and vouch	Cash and vouch	Cash and vouch	Cash and Vouchr						
$ 1 40	$ 1 85	$ 1 00				$ 3 00	$ 1 00	$ 70 00	$ 75 00	$ 3 90	$ 151 15	
12 87	5 68	2 65		$ 7 25		6 45	1 50	75 00	80 00		191 40	$ 1000 00
9 64	1 50	4 15					1 00				6 29	
11 75	20 00	16 00	$ 6 00	3 00		11 00	3 00	200 00			261 75	1600 00
7 98	10 50	4 65	2 65	3 20		9 40	1 75	100 00	226 60	13 14	385 27	1200 00
27 20	114 05	52 55	6 00	8 13		37 78		350 00	35 27		631 98	2500 00
8 43							1 00	75 00			84 43	2000 00
		3 00				9 15	50	150 00			162 65	500 00
1 50		2 00				3 30	2 15				8 95	
64 80	117 38	140 38	26 05	21 75	43 50	64 66	3 00	500 00	129 00	10 00	1122 52	6000 00
2 50	1 00			2 00		1 50	1 00	50 00	100 00		158 00	500 00
6 66	5 95	3 35		5 50			1 50	70 00			92 96	600 00
8 00	7 25	7 25		1 50		2 00	1 50				27 50	
3 25	2 00			2 00		3 25	50				11 00	
3 60	2 00	1 00				2 00	50				9 10	
3 00	7 75	8 30	23 90	13 55		6 60	2 00	200 00	2 00		267 50	800 00
6 60	14 00	10 00		5 00		2 00	2 00		160 00		199 60	1000 00
2 38	5 00	3 00		3 11		7 50	2 35				23 54	
$181 56	$ 315 91	$259 28	$64 60	$ 75 99	$43 50	$ 168 99	$26 25	$1840 00	$ 807 27	$ 27 01	$3811 59	$17700 00

The financial reports of the churches at Christian Valley and Demopolis were received after the